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## Michigan's Jobless Rate Remains Unchanged

In September, Michigan's unemployment rate remained unchanged from the August rate of 14.5 percent. The number of jobless individuals decreased 13,000 over the month to total 624,000. During the same time period, employment fell 60,000 to total 3,682,000. The civilian labor force, at 4,307,000, declined by 72,000 over the month primarily as a result of a seasonal drop in the number of summer job seekers. During the past twelve months, unemployment increased 164,000 across the state while employment dropped by 154,000. Last September, the state's jobless rate stood at 10.7 percent, representing 460,000 jobless persons.

## Nonagricultural Jobs Rise In September

Wage and salary employment across the state rose 35,800 between August and September to total 3,223,500. The increase occurred primarily as a result of callbacks of laid off workers at the state and local educational institutions and auto-related industries. Manufacturing employment increased 22,400 over the month to total 888,900. Motor vehicle and equipment (+15,100), metals (+3,300), and nonelectrical machinery (+2,200) posted significant month-to-month job gains. Public sector payrolls jumped 17,700 over the month to total 590,500 mainly due to increases at the state and local educational institutions. Part of the government job gains were offset by a number of labor disputes at various local school districts. Nonmanufacturing employment edged down 4,300 over the month to 1,744,100 as job losses in construction, utilities and finance, real estate and insurance were only partially offset by gains in trade and service industries. Over the past one year, nonagricultural jobs have fallen by 187,600 as year-to-year cutbacks were recorded in virtually all the industries except services.

### Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment Estimates

September 1982 (Preliminary)

| Area | Civilian Labor Force | Total Employment | Unemployment Number | Unemployment Rate |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Michigan | 4,307,000 | 3,682,000 | 624,000 | 14.5% |
| Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti SMSA | 144,100 | 128,800 | 15,300 | 10.6 |
| Battle Creek SMSA | 83,300 | 69,900 | 13,400 | 16.1 |
| Bay City-SMSA | 54,600 | 46,900 | 7,700 | 14.1 |
| Benton Harbor-SMSA | 72,000 | 60,800 | 11,200 | 15.6 |
| Detroit | 1,980,700 | 1,680,400 | 300,300 | 15.2 |
| Flint-SMSA | 225,800 | 185,600 | 40,200 | 17.8 |
| Grand Rapids SMSA | 331,500 | 295,100 | 36,400 | 11.00 |
| Jackson-SMSA | 66,500 | 56,100 | 10,400 | 15.6 |
| Kalamazoo-Portage SMSA | 141,400 | 126,200 | 15,200 | 10.7 |
| Lansing-East Lansing-SMSA | 242,400 | 213,500 | 28,900 | 11.9 |
| Muskegon-Norton Shores-Muskegon Heights SMSA | 81,200 | 67,200 | 14,000 | 17.2 |
| Saginaw-SMSA | 102,800 | 88,300 | 14,500 | 14.1 |
| Upper Peninsula LMA | 142,900 | 115,400 | 27,500 | 19.2 |

## Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment Estimates

State of Michigan

| Item | Sept. 1982 | Aug. 1982 | July 1982 | Sept. 1981 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **PLACE OF RESIDENCE** | | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 4,307.0 | 4,379.0 | 4,406.0 | 4,296.0 |
| Employment | 3,682.0 | 3,742.0 | 3,757.0 | 3,836.0 |
| Unemployment | 624.0 | 637.0 | 648.0 | 460.0 |
| Rate | 14.5% | 14.5% | 14.7% | 10.7% |
| **PLACE OF WORK** | | | | |
| Wage and Salary Employment | 3,223.5 | 3,187.7 | 3,197.0 | 3,411.1 |
| Manufacturing | 888.9 | 866.5 | 876.9 | 989.9 |
| Durables | 696.8 | 676.5 | 689.2 | 788.1 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 9.8 | 9.4 | 9.4 | 10.7 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | 21.7* | 22.1* | 21.1 | 23.0 |
| Metals | 148.9 | 145.6 | 149.6 | 182.7 |
| Primary Metals | 48.6 | 47.5 | 49.1 | 64.9* |
| Fabricated Metals | 100.3 | 98.1 | 100.5 | 117.8 |
| Nonelectrical Machinery | 129.8 | 127.6 | 129.7 | 159.3 |
| Electrical Machinery | 28.7 | 29.2 | 30.2 | 33.3 |
| Transportation Equipment | 323.6 | 308.3 | 315.8 | 339.1 |
| Motor Vehicles & Equip. | 307.2 | 292.1 | 300.3 | 323.6 |
| Other Transportation Equip. | 16.4 | 16.2 | 15.5 | 15.5 |
| Other Durables | 34.3 | 34.3 | 33.4 | 40.0 |
| Nondurables | 192.1 | 190.0 | 187.7 | 201.8 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 48.2 | 49.6 | 47.9 | 47.2 |
| Textiles & Apparel | 18.6 | 17.4 | 17.6 | 20.9 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 20.8 | 20.3 | 20.4 | 21.5 |
| Printing & Publishing | 30.4 | 30.1 | 30.0 | 33.0 |
| Chemicals & Petroleum | 43.1 | 43.3 | 43.2 | 46.2 |
| Other Nondurables | 31.0 | 29.3 | 28.6 | 33.0 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 1,744.1 | 1,748.4 | 1,741.3 | 1,806.7 |
| Construction | 91.0* | 98.1 | 94.4 | 109.6 |
| Trans., Commun., & Utilities | 135.1 | 136.4 | 138.0 | 145.1 |
| Wholesale Trade | 150.4 | 149.3 | 149.5 | 159.6 |
| Retail Trade | 539.1 | 536.2 | 531.8 | 560.1 |
| Finance, Real Estate & Ins. | 151.3 | 152.4 | 153.3 | 153.5 |
| Services | 668.4 | 666.8 | 665.0 | 666.2 |
| Mining | 8.8 | 9.2 | 9.3 | 12.6 |
| Government | 590.5 | 572.8 | 578.8 | 614.5 |
| Federal | 56.7 | 57.8 | 59.1 | 56.4 |
| State | 140.0 | 127.5 | 126.9 | 144.1 |
| Local | 393.8* | 387.5 | 392.8 | 414.0* |
| **Workers Involved in Labor Disputes** | 17.2 | 2.9 | 1.5 | 4.1 |

* Indicates a labor-management dispute in the industry.

**Notes:** Data expressed in thousands. Current month data are preliminary.

**CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE** data are based on the monthly Current Population Survey of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics — 1981 Benchmark.

**WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT** is based on a monthly sample of employing establishments as part of the cooperative federal-state Current Employment Statistics program — March 1981 Benchmark.

# Claims Activity

The number of individuals drawing regular unemployment benefits in Michigan declined by nearly six percent in September. The regular claims load averaged 217,750 in September - 13,950 lower than a month ago. During the same time period, the number of claimants receiving payments under the Extended Benefits program edged down 2,100 to average 62,850 per week. Claimants also began collecting unemployment under the Federal Supplemental Compensation program with the week ending September 18, 1982.

### Weekly Claims for Unemployment Insurance

| Week Ending | Regular Program Total | Regular Program Initial | Regular Program Cont'd | Extended Benefits Total | Extended Benefits Initial | Extended Benefits Cont'd |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sept. 4, 1982 | 219,000 | 34,700 | 184,300 | 64,100 | 6,400 | 57,700 |
| Sept. 11, 1982 | 209,500 | 23,900 | 185,600 | 62,100 | 5,900 | 56,200 |
| Sept. 18, 1982 | 222,700 | 33,100 | 189,600 | 63,200 | 6,500 | 56,700 |
| Sept. 25, 1982 | 219,800 | 38,200 | 181,600 | 62,000 | 6,100 | 55,900 |

# National Inflation Slows Down

Consumer Price Index in the Detroit metropolitan area rose 2.2 points or eight-tenths of a percentage point between August and September to total 294.9. The increase occurred as higher housing, medical and apparel costs were only partially offset by a decline in energy prices. Since September 1981, prices in the Detroit area rose slightly by 3.8 percent. A year ago, the area Consumer Price Index stood at 284.2.

Inflation in the nation slowed down considerably as the national Consumer Price Index rose only two-tenths of a percentage point over the month to 293.3 in September. Housing costs fell over the month while food, clothing, transportation and medical prices registered modest increases. National prices rose five percent since September 1981 when the consumer Price Index stood at 279.3. During the first nine months of 1982, the increase in the U.S. prices was a modest 4.8 percent.

# Hours and Earnings

The average workweek of Michigan's production workers in manufacturing industries fell nearly two hours over the month to 38.2 hours in September. The decline occurred primarily as a result of less weekly hours worked in auto and related industries. A year ago, the workweek averaged 38.6 hours.

Hourly earnings of production workers increased thirteen cents over the month to average. $11.34. At the same time, weekly earnings fell $16.17 to average $432.96 in September. A year ago, earnings averaged $10.70 an hour or $413.31 per week.

| Industry | Average Hourly Earnings a/ | | | Average Weekly Hours a/ | | | Average Weekly Earnings a/ | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Sept. 1982 | Aug. 1982 | Sept. 1981 | Sept. 1982 | Aug. 1982 | Sept. 1981 | Sept. 1982 | Aug. 1982 | Sept. 1981 |
| **TOTAL MANUFACTURING** | **$11.34** | **$11.21** | **$10.70** | **38.2** | **40.1** | **38.6** | **$432.96** | **$449.13** | **$413.31** |
| DURABLE GOODS | 11.78 | 11.67 | 11.08 | 37.8 | 39.8 | 38.3 | 445.69 | 464.84 | 424.18 |
| Primary Metal Products | 12.46 | 12.31 | 12.26 | 38.9 | 39.9 | 39.0 | 485.20 | 490.85 | 477.53 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 10.79 | 10.71 | 10.25 | 37.5 | 39.2 | 37.2 | 404.87 | 420.07 | 381.58 |
| Nonelectrical Machinery | 11.62 | 11.43 | 10.88 | 38.3 | 39.3 | 40.6 | 444.85 | 449.51 | 442.22 |
| Electrical Machinery | 9.65 | 9.68 | 8.81 | 39.4 | 40.3 | 37.7 | 379.82 | 389.76 | 332.19 |
| Motor Vehicles & Equip. | 13.12 | 12.97 | 12.23 | 37.1 | 40.2 | 37.2 | 486.75 | 522.01 | 454.92 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 9.71 | 9.54 | 9.13 | 39.5 | 40.9 | 40.1 | 383.81 | 389.69 | 366.28 |
| Contract Construction | 14.14 | 14.15 | 14.12 | 35.4 | 37.9 | 34.8 | 500.30 | 535.55 | 490.96 |
| Department Stores | 5.84 | 5.81 | 5.61 | 31.8 | 31.8 | 32.6 | 185.42 | 185.00 | 182.89 |

a/ *Average weekly and hourly earnings are computed from aggregates of individual establishment reports utilizing the total amount paid to production workers and total production hours. Average weekly and hourly earnings differ from weekly and hourly rates in that they are affected by overtime wage rates, part-time earnings, the length of the workweek, etc.*

**Note:** *Current month data are preliminary.*

# Labor Surplus Areas Eligible for Federal Procurement Preference From June 1, 1982 through May 31, 1983

| Eligible Labor Surplus Areas | Political Jurisdiction(s) Included |
|---|---|
| Alcona County | Alcona County |
| Alger County | Alger County |
| Alpena County | Alpena County |
| Allegan County | Allegan County |
| Antrim County | Antrim County |
| Arenac County | Arenac County |
| Baraga County | Baraga County |
| Barry County | Barry County |
| Bay County | Bay County |
| Benzie County | Benzie County |
| Berrien County | Berrien County |
| Branch County | Branch County |
| Calhoun County | Calhoun County |
| Cass County | Cass County |
| Charlevoix County | Charlevoix County |
| Cheboygan County | Cheboygan County |
| Chippewa County | Chippewa County |
| Clare County | Clare County |
| Clinton County | Clinton County |
| Clinton Township | Clinton Township in Macomb County |
| Crawford County | Crawford County |
| Dearborn City | Dearborn City in Wayne County |
| Dearborn Heights City | Dearborn Heights City in Wayne County |
| Delta County | Delta County |
| Detroit City | Detroit City in Wayne County |
| Dickinson County | Dickinson County |
| East Lansing City | East Lansing City in Ingham County |
| Eaton County, Balance of | Eaton County less Lansing City (part) |
| Emmet County | Emmet County |
| Flint City | Flint City in Genesee County |
| Genessee County, Balance of | Genesee County less Flint City |
| Gladwin County | Gladwin County |
| Gogebic County | Gogebic County |
| Grand Rapids City | Grand Rapids City in Kent County |
| Grand Traverse County | Grand Traverse County |
| Gratiot County | Gratiot County |
| Hillsdale County | Hillsdale County |
| Houghton County | Houghton County |
| Huron County | Huron County |
| Ingham County, Balance of | Ingham County less Lansing City (part), East Lansing City |
| Ionia County | Ionia County |
| Iosco County | Iosco County |
| Iron County | Iron County |
| Isabella County | Isabella County |
| Jackson County | Jackson County |
| Kalamazoo City | Kalamazoo City in Kalamazoo County |
| Kalkaska County | Kalkaska County |
| Kent County, Balance of | Kent County less Grand Rapids City, Wyoming City |
| Keweenaw County | Keweenaw County |
| Lake County | Lake County |
| Lansing City | Lansing City in Ingham County |
| Lapeer County | Lapeer County |
| Leelanau County | Leelanau County |
| Lenawee County | Lenawee County |
| Livingston County | Livingston County |
| Luce County | Luce County |
| Mackinac County | Mackinac County |
| Macomb County, Balance of | Macomb County less Clinton Township, Roseville City, St. Clair Shores City, Sterling Heights City, Warren City |
| Manistee County | Manistee County |
| Marquette County | Marquette County |
| Mason County | Mason County |
| Mecosta County | Mecosta County |
| Midland County | Menominee County |
| Missaukee County | Midland County |
| Monroe County | Missaukee County |
| Montcalm County | Monroe County |
| Montmorency County | Montcalm County |
| Muskegon County | Montmorency County |
| Newaygo County | Muskegon County |
| Oakland County, Balance of | Newaygo County |
| Oceana County | Oakland County less Farmington Hills City, Pontiac City, Royal Oak City, Southfield City, Troy City, Waterford Township |
| Ogemaw County | Oceana County |
| Ontonagon County | Ogemaw County |
| Osceola County | Ontonagon County |
| Oscoda County | Osceola County |
| Otsego County | Oscoda County |
| Pontiac City | Otsego County |
| Presque Isle County | Pontiac City in Oakland County |
| Redford Township | Presque Isle County |
| Roscommon County | Redford Township in Wayne County |
| Roseville City | Roscommon County |
| Saginaw City | Roseville City in Macomb County |
| Saginaw County, Balance of | Saginaw City in Saginaw County |
| St. Clair County | Saginaw County less Saginaw City |
| St. Clair Shores City | St. Clair County |
| St. Joseph County | St. Clair Shores City in Macomb County |
| Sanilac County | St. Joseph County |
| Schoolcraft County | Sanilac County |
| Shiawassee County | Schoolcraft County |
| Sterling Heights City | Shiawassee County |
| Taylor City | Sterling Heights City in Macomb County |
| Tuscola County | Taylor City in Wayne County |
| Van Buren County | Tuscola County |
| Warren City | Van Buren County |
| Washtenaw County, Balance of | Warren City in Macomb County |
| Waterford Township | Washtenaw County less Ann Arbor City |
| Wayne County, Balance of | Waterford Township in Oakland County |
| Westland City | Wayne County less Dearborn City, Dearborn Heights City, Detroit City, Livonia City, Redford Township, Taylor City, Westland City |
| Wexford County | Westland City in Wayne County |
| Wyoming City | Wexford County |
| | Wyoming City in Kent County |



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